

In the Claims:

All of the claims previously standing for examination are canceled and four new claims are added below.

1-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) An audio processing system, comprising:

an audio processing unit receiving an input audio stream and producing a first output audio stream from the input stream by executing a first audio-effects software application; and

an Internet connected appliance connected to the audio processing unit;

wherein the Internet-connected appliance accesses an Internet site, downloads a second audio-effects software application, and transmits the second audio-effects software application to the audio processing unit, which substitutes the second application for the first, and produces a new output stream using the second application.

42. (New) The system of claim 41 further comprising a data repository coupled to the Internet connected appliance, wherein the appliance stores multiple audio-effects software applications to be available for transmission to and use by the audio processing unit.

43. (New) A method for amending an audio stream, comprising the steps of:

(a) connecting by a computer appliance to an Internet site storing audio-effects software applications;

(b) downloading at least one audio-effects software application;

(c) transmitting the at least one audio-effects software application to an audio processing unit enabled to receive an input audio stream and produce an output audio stream from the input stream by executing the audio-effects software application; and

(d) producing an output audio stream altered from the input audio stream by

executing the audio-effects software application transmitted thereto.

44. (New) The method of claim 43 further comprising a step for storing in a data repository coupled to the Internet-connected appliance multiple audio-effects software applications downloaded from one or more Internet sites to be available for transmission to and use by the audio processing unit.